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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF REGISTRATION
OF BARBERS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30,

1937

DIVISION OF REGISTRATION

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE AND REGISTRATION



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BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF BARBERS

Room 302, 14 Beacon Street, Boston.

November 30, 1937.

To His Excellency the Governor and the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

The Board of Registration of Barbers herewith submits its sixth annual report:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

(December 1, 1936 to November 30, 1937.)

11 renewals for 1936 @ \$2.00	\$ 22.00	
9,735 renewals for 1937 @ \$2.00	19,470.00	
30 renewals for 1938 @ \$2.00	60.00	\$19,552.00
390 apprentice renewals for 1937 @ 50c		195.00
239 examination fees @ \$10.00	\$ 2,390.00	
Less 3 refunds	30.00	2,360.00
51 applications for re-examination @ \$5.00		255.00
37 duplicate fees @ 50c		18.50
618 applications for inspection of new shops @ \$5.00	\$ 3,090.00	
Less 3 refunds	15.00	3,075.00
259 apprentice applications @ \$5.00	\$ 1,295.00	
Less 1 refund	5.00	1,290.00
249 special registrations authorized by Chapter 184,		
Acts of 1937 @ \$2.00		498.00
Miscellaneous postage15
		<u>\$27,243.65</u>

Expenditures

Salaries—Board Members	\$ 8,000.00	
Salaries—Investigators	9,797.09	\$17,797.09
Traveling Expenses—Board and Investigators		5,343.52
General Office Expenses		3,237.36
		<u>\$26,377.97</u>

Financial Statement Verified.

Approved.

GEO. E. MURPHY, *Comptroller*

Examinations have been held in Boston every month during the year. There were also examinations in Springfield in March, in Worcester in April and September, in Fall River and Lawrence in March and in New Bedford in September. The results were as follows:

Examination in:	Number Examined	Number Passed	Number Failed
Boston	221	180	41
Fall River	11	8	3
Worcester	32	22	10
Lawrence	13	7	6
Springfield	32	25	7
New Bedford	19	11	8
	<u>328</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>75</u>

During the year numerous complaints were received from various sources. Each complaint was carefully investigated, and where probable cause was found the offending barber was called before the Board for hearing. The results of these hearings are summarized below:

Total number of hearings held—214.

Registrations suspended	66	Filed	2
Probation	138	Dismissed	3
Revoked	2	Postponed	3
			<u>214</u>

In all cases where registration was suspended, it was later returned after the questionable shop had been brought up to the standard required by the Board.

There has been considerable improvement in barber shops in Massachusetts and it has been necessary to take only the most severe offenders to court. One of the cases listed below was fined \$20.00 each on two counts, and one of them was fined \$100.00, suspended sentence and a six months probation. In no case did the court dismiss the offending barber. The following is a brief resume of the court cases for this fiscal year:

\$10 fine	4	Probation and suspended sentence	1
\$5 fine	1	\$40 fine	1
Probation	2	Filed	2
Court costs	1		
		Total	<u>12</u>

Barbers all over the State are responding generally to the efforts of the Board and its Inspection Department to maintain a high standard in relation to the sanitary conditions under which barbering is rendered. This is shown by the fact that it was necessary to call fewer men before the Board for hearing, and there were fewer extreme cases which had to be taken to court. Of course there will always be those who will not voluntarily comply with sanitary regulations, but fortunately they are very much in the minority.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION

As has been done in previous years, the Board again stresses the need for an annual registration of barber shops. Under the present law each barber registers for the privilege of practicing barbering in the Commonwealth. The fee required is small, and barely sufficient to defray the expense of such registration. But under the law, the Board is required to inspect the shops where the public is served by these barbers in order to keep these shops up to a high sanitary standard as a health measure. This requires the maintenance of an inspection force, which at present numbers six men. This force is not sufficient to inspect the five thousand odd shops operating in Massachusetts, as frequently as they should be inspected, nor can the Board afford the expense of sending them more frequently. Also the Board finds that when conditions in some shops require correction, each one of the men working there denies that he is the owner or manager. If the Board could require the registration of all shops and thus obtain information as to the responsibility for equipment, etc., it would be in a much better position to enforce the high standard which it desires. A fee of three dollars would probably be adequate to pay the expenses of such a registration, permitting the Board to employ the additional assistance required, and pay the necessary travelling expenses. The State Auditor recommended such a registration in his report of 1936.

Respectfully submitted,

TONY A. GAROFANO,	<i>Chairman.</i>
GEORGE S. POULIN,	<i>Secretary.</i>
JOSEPH FUCILLO,	<i>Member.</i>